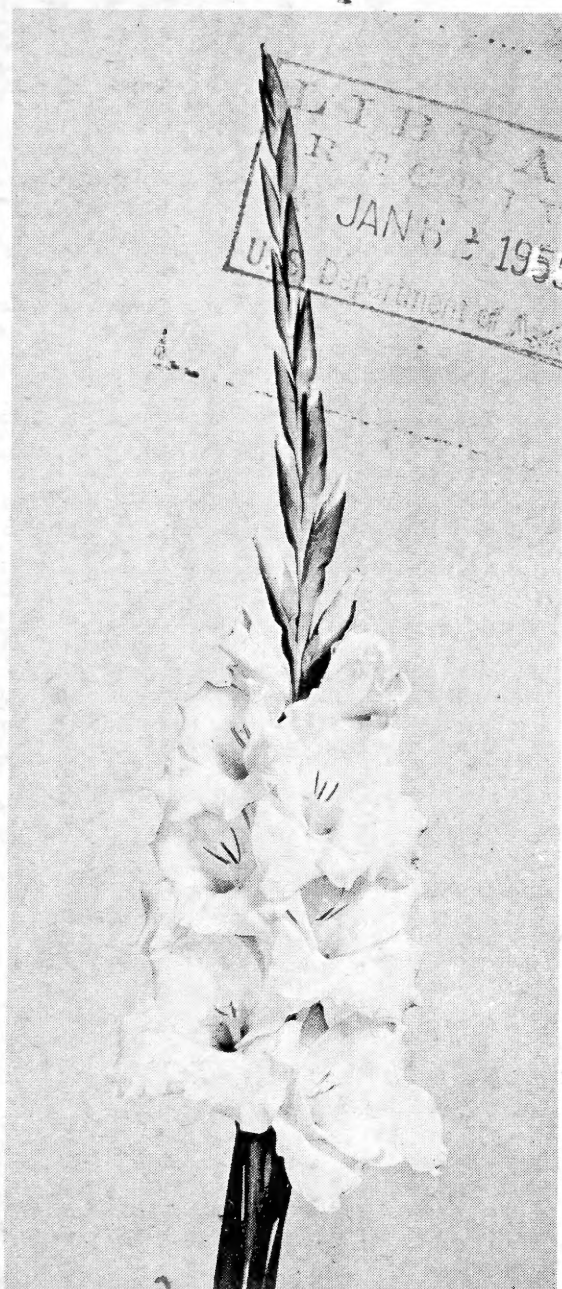


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SUPERIOR GLADIOLUS

FOR 1955



PEARL

LAURENCE R. RUPERT

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GREETINGS

First of all, thanks to all of you who sent me bulb orders last year, and to those who sent the many pleasant letters I received after filling those orders. Evidently dissatisfied customers must be either very few or very silent, for there has been a real shortage of complaints - almost none.

Now the fourth edition of my annual catalog makes its appearance. As in previous years I am preparing the master copy by hand. This seems to be a unique procedure, but I find many of you have come to expect it, and besides that, I rather enjoy preparing it.

Descriptions in this catalog are based on results in my own field. I feel too that the customer should know the faults as well as the virtues to be expected in the varieties he chooses. What may be a major fault for one grower may be of little importance to another, for tastes differ and so do the reasons people raise glads.

The 1954 growing season was an abnormal one here. A cold dry May slowed bulblet germination and many varieties did not get well started until June. July was also cool and very dry. After August 1 there was plenty of rain, but still no hot weather. Evidently as a result of the unusual weather the bulblet planting results were very erratic, some varieties producing larger, others smaller, bulbs than usual.

My gladiolus bulbs are probably as carefully grown as any you can find, and throughout the year are under my immediate personal care. Each year I am able to offer newly selected or re-selected strains of some of the older varieties, especially propagated from bulbs of outstanding performance. Varieties of which I am offering this year newly selected strains include, among others, Sunspot, Picardy, Abu Hassan, Astrid, Vagabond Prince, and Magic.

If you are especially interested in some variety I don't list, just write to me about it. If I can't supply a few bulbs myself, I may be able to get them from someone else.

And finally, best wishes for success with your glads in 1955.

Laurence R. Rupert

1955 INTRODUCTIONS

PEARL

Rupert '55 - 401 - LM (Maid of Orleans x Chamouny)
Illustrated on front cover and on page 14.

The lustrous pearly finish and the extraordinarily firm and durable floret texture of Pearl make it unique among white glads, and the delicate tints of cream and rose in the throat add a most distinctive touch. For perfection of double-row floret placement few glads of any color can equal it.

Pearl regularly opens 7 to 9 florets, with 6 or 7 in color, on spikes of 21 buds or more. The stem is strong and straight, good height (46 to 50 in.) and is an easy cutter. Florets open perfectly when cut in tight bud.

Florets are of exquisite form, and are beautifully waved, rather than heavily ruffled, and are very firmly attached.

E. S. G. S. Initial Award - Alfred, 1953.

Best Seedling in Show - Alfred, 1953.

E. S. G. S. Commendation Award - Elmira, 1954.

Best Seedling in Show - Elmira, 1954.

Champion Vase - Elmira, 1954.

The spikes pictured were field grown without artificial watering or other pampering. The grower of fancy exhibition spikes can undoubtedly produce better ones. Any size bulb \$2.00; bulblets 25¢ ea., 10 for \$2.00.

JAUNTY

Rich '55 - 362 - 65 days (Wedgwood x Evangeline).
Illustrated on page 15.

Mr. Rich has produced in Jaunty one of the finest glads I know, and I am very happy to help him introduce it.

Jaunty is a beautiful, clean, rosy pink with a cream throat; wide open, waved and ruffled butterfly type florets, carried on tall, strong, slender spikes.

American Home Achievement Award,

Rochester, N.Y. - Aug. 15, 1953.

3-spike Pre-introductory Class Winner,

Rochester, N.Y. - Aug. 15, 1953.

Commendation Award and Best Seedling,

E. S. G. S., Geneva, N.Y. Aug. 7, 1954.

3-spike Pre-introductory Class Rosette (200 + 300)

Rochester, N.Y. - Aug. 15, 1954.

Best 300-size Seedling, Penn. State Show,

Grove City, Pa. - Aug. 21, 1954.

B+ score (84 to 88), Eastern N.Y. Show,

Peekskill, N.Y. - Aug. 11, 1954.

It grows about 52" tall, with 25" flowerhead, 4" blooms, 20 buds, and 7 opens;

excellent attachment, facing and spacing. Very green foliage and an easy cutter. Bulb-let production and germination are excellent. Any size bulb - \$2.⁰⁰ , Blts. 10 for \$2.⁰⁰

Select Gladiolus — 1955

WHITE

CRUSADER (Fischer '52 - 301 - E).

Ruffled crystal white with striking purple throat blotches. One of the most beautiful of the newer medium sized glads.

L - 50¢ , M - 35¢ , S - 20¢ , Blts. - 10 for 30¢.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (Harris '47 - 400 - M).

Well known standard white. Tall, with large florets and uniformly reliable habits.

L 2 - 25¢ , M 3 - 25¢ , Blts. 50 for 25¢.

GAYBROOK (Perrine '51 - 401 - M).

Plain petaled white with showy purple blotch. Very stretchy flowerheads; attachment only fair.

M 2 - 30¢ , S 2 - 20¢ , Blts. 20 for 25¢.

MOTHER FISCHER (Fischer '51 - 400 - LM).

Very tall ruffled white with faint lavender lines in the throat. Heavy substance, long flowerheads, exquisite beauty. One of the best.

L - 25¢ , M 2 - 30¢ , Blts. 20 for 25¢.

PEARL (Rupert '55 - 401 - LM).

Pearly white with cream and rose throat. See page 3 for full description and prices.

PORTIA (Larw '52 - 400 - EM).

Except for a touch of yellow in the throat, this is a true white. Easy grower, rapid propagator, looks like a good commercial.

M - 35¢ , S - 25¢ , Blts. 8 for 25¢.

SUMMER SNOW (Fischer '49 - 300 - M).

Quite tall, nicely ruffled white without markings, but may develop a pink tinge in cool moist weather. One of the best exhibition glads in its class.

M 3 - 25¢ , S 5 - 25¢ , Blts. 50 for 25¢.

WHITE CHALLENGE (Arnett '47 - 501 - M).

White with delicate pink overcast and rose throat blotches. Large round plain-petaled florets, opening 8 to 10. A very husky grower with almost too much flowerhead stretch.

L 2 - 25¢ , M 3 - 25¢ , S 5 - 25¢ , Blts. 50 for 25¢.

WHITE CLOUD (Roberts '52 - 500 - LM).

Tall, heavily ruffled snow white, with large florets of excellent substance. I consider this more beautiful and more reliable than the older White Goddess, although the flowerheads may average a little shorter.

L - \$1.⁰⁰ , M - 75¢ , S - 50¢ , Blts. 10 for 50¢.

WHITE LACE (Fischer '51 - 300 - EM).

Ruffled waxy white with cream throat, just about the ultimate in refinement and beauty. Wins its share of ribbons at the shows, even though it is not too tall (42 to 45 in.) and sometimes has somewhat irregular facing.

L 2 - 25¢ , M 3 - 25¢ , S 5 - 25¢ , Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CREAM

ANGEL OF MERCY (Troyer '47 - 307 - EM).

Tall formal spikes of nearly perfect form. Medium cream with small attractive red markings in the throat. Opens 6 or 7 wavy petaled florets on a spike of 18 or 19 buds.

M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, No bulblets.

CREAM ORCHIDS (Fischer '51 - 406 - EM).

Rich waxy cream with nice ruffling and slightly lacinated petals. Tall graceful spikes with airy informal placement. One of the most beautiful glads.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20-25¢.

CRYSTAL ORCHID (Browne '52 - 506 - M).

Cream white sport of *Elizabeth the Queen*, which it resembles in every respect except color. Capable of championship spikes when well grown with plenty of water.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

DIVINITY (Roberts '52 - 306 - LM).

About the color of *Cream Orchids*, but with rounder florets, heavier ruffling, and more formal placement. Reminds one of carved ivory.

M - 75¢, S - 50¢, Blts. 10 for 50¢.

LEADING LADY (Johnston '42 - 506 - M).

Light cream sport of *Picardy*. Has been for many years a recognized show winner and a widely grown commercial variety.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

LEIF ERICSSON (K. & M. '52 - 506 - M).

One of the newer ones from Europe, that has been quite sensational at the shows.

Cream with slightly deeper throat. Opens 7 to 9 florets on a 30" flowerhead. Lowest floret is sometimes misplaced, however.

M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20-25¢.

SALMAN'S GLORY (Salman '47 - 507 - EM).

Huge cream with scarlet throat. An old stand-by, and very dependable.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CREAM And ROSE

COLUMBIA (Roberts '51 - 407 - M).

Creamy white with a variable amount of rose feathering. Excellent substance and attachment. Straight and very sturdy.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 25 for 25¢.

GOOD MORNING (Lacey '54 - 503 - M).

Larger and more ruffled than *Columbia*, with heavier rose feathering and with rose throat blotches. Attracted much attention this past summer at the E.S.G.S. shows, where it won more blue ribbons than any other 1954 introduction. Good propagator. M - \$3.50, S - \$2.00, Blts. { 50¢ each
10 for \$4.00

YELLOW

AUREOLE (Pruitt '49 - 410 - M).

Heavily ruffled bright yellow, but does well

to get 6 florets open. Very beautiful, however.
L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CATHERINE BEATH (Coutts '51-312-M).

About the clearest, brightest and deepest yellow to be found. Plain petaled florets of excellent texture and tight attachment.

Opens about 8 four inch florets on flowerheads of 20-25 buds. Only fault is an occasional crook. One of the best yellow glads.

L - 40¢, M - 30¢, Blts. 10-25¢.

EARLY GOLD (Butt '45-310-VE).

Year after year the first variety I have in bloom. Tall, long flowerheads, good color, but given to crooking and odd facing.

L 2-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

FORSYTHIA (Harris '52-512-M).

Very large moderately ruffled yellow with a chartreuse tinge, more noticeable in the unopened buds. Vigorous and dependable.

M - 35¢, S - 20¢, Blts 10 for 40¢.

GOLDEN FLUTE (Hartman '50-511-M).

Light yellow with a faint rosy flush and rose red throat markings. Florets are VERY LARGE, wide open, beautifully ruffled, heavy texture. Large bulbs will produce 19-bud spikes, but with only 5 or 6 open.

L - 50¢, M - 35¢, S - 20¢, Blts. 10 for 30¢.

MEG (Pruitt '49-412-EM).

Deep golden yellow with ruffled needle-point florets of excellent substance. Tall straight well-constructed spikes. Blooms well from very small bulbs, and even from bulblets.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SPARKS (Glass '47-411-L).

Light yellow with "explosion blotch" of bright red. Tall and very vigorous. Blue ribbon winner at Lima (1954) in a class with 13 entries. Should be planted early.

M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SUNDANCE (Almey '49-412-M).

Sundance is one of the two outstanding 412's in my listing. A more rugged grower than Meg and somewhat lighter in color. Both are fine for exhibition and cutting.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

ORANGE (including **BUFF**)

CIRCE (K & M. '49-523-VE).

Brilliant orange scarlet with deep red blotch on a creamy yellow throat. Six-inch florets, with flowerhead of 30" or more. Not ruffled.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

MRS. W. COMMEADOW (Both '52-520-M).

Strong growing and dependable light clear orange with clean yellow throat. Recurved lightly ruffled 5½" florets. Attachment only fair. Exceptionally fine color.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

PACTOLUS (K & M. '47-417-M).

Golden yellow with orange suffusion and

huge vivid red throat blotches. Floret placement very good, and will open up to 8. One of the most striking and brilliant glads. Has produced seedlings of considerable merit. L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SUNSPOT (Roberts '45-417-LM).

Beautiful apricot buff with a red glow in the throat. One of the really great glads, with an outstanding show record. Lightly ruffled, 6 to 9 open, flowerheads 30" or more. L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SALMON

BOISE BELLE (Roberts '48-433-L).

Tall heavily ruffled salmon with clean yellow throat, covering nearly all the lower petals. Opens 8 to 10, or even more, on 22 to 25 bud flowerheads. Occasionally crooks in hot weather, but most spikes are very straight. L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

DOLLY VARDEN (Harris '50-533-M).

Deep salmon with cream throat. Seven inch florets, moderately ruffled, very clear color, but too large for most purposes.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts 20 for 25¢.

FANTASY (Rich '52-430-L).

A novelty glad, medium salmon, intensely ruffled, and with chartreuse spurs on the back of the petals. Very effective in baskets and arrangements. About 50" tall.

L - 75¢, M - 50¢, Blts. 10 for 75¢.

FRASER (Harris '50-432-L).

Deep salmon with ruffled florets of very heavy texture. Opens 7 or 8 well placed florets on a flowerhead of 28 to 30 in. A very good one.

M 2-30¢, S 2-20¢, Blts 15 for 25¢.

PICARDY (Palmer '31-530-M).

If you are looking for a good strain of this old favorite, here it is. From 55 to 60 inches tall, with 18 or 19 buds and about 7 open. Medium salmon with deeper throat markings.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

POLYNESIA (K. & M. '50-430-E).

Medium salmon with wavy petaled florets in excellent placement. Flowerheads only 24 to 26 in., but can be cut with long stems. Now the leading exhibition variety in its class.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SCARLET

CARNIVAL (Butt '47-437-M).

Ruffled brilliant scarlet with pure white throat. Gorgeous and striking, but not especially tall.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

DIEPPE (Hassel '45-436-M).

Another standard variety that everyone should have. Ruffled salmon scarlet with florets up to 6, large enough for 536.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

ESQUIRE (Ficht '50-536-LM).

Deeper color than *Dieppe* and an even more robust grower. Huge plain-petaled florets of glowing scarlet-red. As an exhibition glad it leads its class by a wide margin.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

FIRE GLEAM (Jack '49-436-E).

Ruffled scarlet with white midstripes on lower petals. Tall, with informal placement.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

RHETT BUTLER (Kuhn '47-336-E).

Clear scarlet, opening about 6 on tall wiry stems. Probably the best low-priced glad in the 336 class. An excellent propagator, very dependable, and especially valuable for early cut flowers.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SALUTE (Fischer '51-436-LM).

Deep scarlet with white throat lines. Tall, sturdy, straight, with nearly perfect spike formation. My best 436 in 1954.

L 2-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SCARLET Tanager (Meinhans '54-336-LM).

New ruffled scarlet of exceptional brilliance and purity of color. On trial in 1954, it didn't grow very tall for me, but was far above average in all other respects.

M \$1.00 S 60¢ Blts. 10 for \$1.00

LIGHT PINK**CLARENCE D. FORTNAM** (Kadel '50-440-EM).

Tall light pink, heavily ruffled and with waxy texture. An easy cutter with long stems. Flowerheads only about 24" for me.

L - 25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

CONNECTICUT YANKEE (Schenetsky '44-441-M).

A rather old one, but still unexcelled for exhibition. Fairly light pink with red throat blotches. Easily opens 8 in perfect double row placement. Tall and sturdy.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

EVANGELINE (Palmer '48-540-EM).

One of the tallest varieties, a ruffled light pink with cream throat. Its only fault is a tendency to irregular facing.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

MT. BAKER (Cave '50-540-M).

In style and growth habits somewhat like *Evangeline*, but lighter pink, with slightly heavier substance, more widely spaced florets and not quite so strong stems.

L - 25¢, M - 20¢, S 2-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

PINK FROST (Pierce '49-340-LM).

Clean light pink with small deeper throat markings. Opens 7 or 8 well placed florets on straight spikes of medium height. I have had very nice late blooms from medium bulbs.

L - 20¢, M 2-30¢, S 2-20¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

YANKEE LASS (Schenetsky '46 - 440 - EM).

Like Connecticut Yankee with the throat blotch greatly reduced. Poor bulblet germination is its major fault, and this can be overcome by planting 2-year old bulblets.

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢, S 5- 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

MEDIUM OR DEEP PINK

COTILLION (Butt '45 - 545 - EM).

Well known giant deep pink with cream throat. Occasionally crooks but can produce championship spikes.

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

DREAM CASTLE (Lins '43 - 342 - LM).

Looks like a small and slightly lighter Cottillion. Straight stiff spikes opening 6 or 7 well placed florets. A consistent winner.

M 2- 30¢, S 2- 20¢, No bulblets.

FAIRYLAND (Kadel '50 - 342 - LM).

Heavily ruffled deep pink. Airy placement. Beautiful for baskets and arrangements.

L 2- 30¢, M 2- 20¢, S 3- 25¢, Blts. 40 for 25¢.

FRIENDSHIP (Fischer '49 - 442 - VE).

Friendship is probably my favorite pink gladiolus. It is a beautiful clear pure medium pink with cream throat. Excellent ruffling and texture, floret placement good but not always excellent. Unsurpassed for early cut flowers.

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

HEART'S DESIRE (Fiedler '48 - 542 - EM).

Ruffled medium pink combining elegance and refinement with giant size. Consistently tall and straight. Opens 6 or 7 six-inch florets. L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢, S 5- 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SPIC and SPAN (Carlson '46 - 444 - E).

Probably the best known and most widely grown variety at the present time, and the leading exhibition variety. Lightly ruffled deep pink, tall, straight and very dependable.

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

STYLISH (Larus '51 - 442 - EM).

Tall ruffled medium pink, later than Friendship, with more regular floret placement, but just missing Friendship's very special color appeal.

L - 20¢, M 2- 25¢, Blts. 30 for 25¢.

RED - All Shades

BLACK CHERRY (Rich '48 - 554 - M).

Very black red, the darkest in my list. Opens many, but sometimes a bit crowded.

L - 30¢, Blts. 10 for 20¢.

DARK DAVID (Morgan '51 - 554 - M).

Tall vigorous dark red, always straight and with exceptionally large florets. Stems long, but could stand a little more flowerhead stretch. L - 25¢, M 2- 30¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

GARNET GLOW (Rich '50 - 354 - EM).

Ruffled black red with an exquisite sheen

and exceptionally clean color. A consistent winner in E.S.G.S. shows in 1954. Spikes, especially from jumbo bulbs, occasionally crook.
L - 40¢, M - 30¢, S - 20¢, Blts. 10 for 40¢.

GARNET RUFFLES (Maynard '53 - 352 - M).

Quite deep red, intensely ruffled, with very straight spikes, double row placement, 8 or 9 open on 19-bud flowerheads. One of the most outstanding recent introductions.

M - \$1.00, S - 75¢, Blts. 10 for \$1.00

LEAH GORHAM (Gorham '51 - 451 - LM).

Brilliant red with pure white throat. Very robust grower, but opens only 5 or 6, and in unfavorable weather shows some color peel.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

MID-AMERICA (Knierim '47 - 550 - LM).

Gigantic brilliant red, exceptional in size, color value and number of florets open.

Attachment loose, substance a little soft, but one of the outstanding show winners.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

POINSETTIA (Johnson '52 - 450 - LM).

Lightly ruffled intensely glowing red. Six or more well-placed florets open on 30" flowerheads. An excellent all-purpose glad.

L - 25¢, M 2 - 30¢, S 2 - 20¢, Blts 20 for 25¢.

RADIANCE (Butt '42 - 350 - E).

Straight stretchy spikes, light red with inconspicuous throat markings. Won 17 blue ribbons in 6 N.Y. State Shows in 1954, and was 7 times best 300-size in section.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

RED CHARM (Butt '39 - 452 - EM).

Well-known standard deep red. Old, but still hard to beat.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts 50 for 25¢.

RUFFLED NIGHT (Rich '48 - 454 - E).

About the most beautiful of the black reds, deep in color with unusually rich velvety texture. Opens 5 or 6 on well-balanced spikes.

M - 2 - 30¢, S - 2 - 20¢ Blts. 20 for 25¢.

SAN ANTONIO (Majewski '54 - 552 - LM).

A RED Burma, with 26-30 inch flower-head, 18-22 buds, and a field height of 55 to 65 inches. It is a color sport of Burma, an intense rich deep red. A spike exhibited at the Alfred Show in 1954 was voted the most beautiful spike in the show, and was judged best 500-size spike in the section.

Orders for San Antonio will be filled with bulbs obtained directly from the originator.

L - \$1.50 } M - \$1.00 } S - 75¢ } Blts. 15¢ each }
10 - \$12.00 } 10 - \$8.00 } 10 - \$6.00 } 10 for \$1.20 }

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read carefully before ordering.

1. Every possible precaution is taken to make sure all bulbs sent out are true to name, healthy, and free from thrips. However I'm only human, and 100% perfection in these respects would be practically superhuman. If you find anything wrong let me know and I will make an adjustment if possible.

2. Since I have no control over conditions affecting bulbs and bulblets after shipment, I can make no guarantee about germination or performance, and no refunds greater than the price you paid.

3. All bulbs sent out have been dusted with 5% DDT, but not otherwise treated.

4. All bulbs are offered subject to prior sale and reservation of planting stock. Be sure to indicate on the order blank what procedure I should follow if the variety or size you order is sold out.

5. Full remittance, preferably money order or check, should accompany all orders.

6. Canadian customers should send an import permit with each order. These can be obtained from the Division of Plant Protection, Science Service, Ottawa, Ontario.

7. All orders for delivery in ERIE COUNTY, N.Y. should include the regular 1% sales tax.

8. Bulbs will be sent by parcel post in late March or early April unless otherwise requested.

If you are interested in getting more for your money, estimate the postage, include it in your remittance, and I will see that you get in return a bulb or two of some choice new introduction (not necessarily one listed in the catalog, but of much greater value than the postage sent).

9. I issue no wholesale list, since I do not have facilities for growing any varieties in large quantities. Occasionally I can spare small lots of 25 or 50 at wholesale rates, and I often have bulblets available in half pint lots or larger. Write for information about varieties you are interested in.

10. Large bulbs (abbreviated **L** in price listings) are over 1 1/4" in diameter; medium (**M**), from 3/4" to 1 1/4"; small (**S**), from 3/8" to 3/4".

11. Unless otherwise noted, when bulbs are priced singly or by 2's, you may order 10 for the price of 8, or 5 for the price of 4. When priced 3 for 25¢, you can get 10 for 75¢.

12. In parenthesis after each variety name are four items, as follows: (1) the name of the originator, (2) the year of introduction, (3) the 1954 classification number in the NAGC list (an occasional one may be changed in 1955), and (4) my estimate of blooming season - very early (VE), early (E), early midseason (EM), etc.

13. To compensate for the possibility of an error in variety or a bulb that doesn't turn out well, I always include either "extras" of varieties not ordered or overcount of varieties ordered. If you have a preference in this regard, please state it.

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LATE NEWS BULLETIN

After all the pages in the catalog were completed except this one, the NAGC Trial Garden reports on Pearl were received. Ratings in 5 test gardens ranged from A to C. The A ratings were from Illinois and Indiana. At the bottom of the sheet from Illinois was this notation: "Only A rating I could give in 1954 trials."

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LIGHT OR MEDIUM ROSE

ANDRENA (Armstrong '50-460-M).

Light rose with cream throat. Heavily ruffled, and with unusual delicacy and refinement of color. One of the most beautiful in its class.

L - 25¢, M - 2-30¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

ASTRID (Jack '46-462-M).

Clean attractive bright rose, of a shade not duplicated in any other glad I know.

Moderately ruffled and very beautiful.

Excellent propagator.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CHAMOUNY (Baerman '38-462-E).

Bright rose with a silvery edge. An old favorite that continues good year after year.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

GLENWOOD (Marek '53-362-E).

Individual florets similar in form, texture and pattern to Wedgwood, but rosier in color. Color very clear and beautiful.

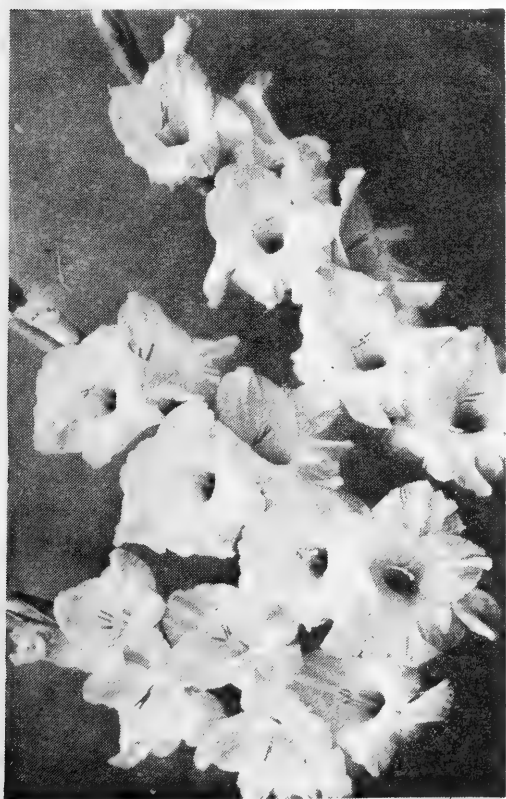
Excellent for arrangements and decorative work, but, as it grows for me, not a real exhibition glad. Opens 4 florets on a 14 or 15 bud spike.

M - 75¢ S - 50¢ Blts. 10 for \$1.00

GWEN (Pickell '49-462-E).

Medium rose, lighter at the edges. Just a bit lighter and larger than Chamouny, and can be cut with longer stems. Has a mild but pleasing fragrance.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.



JAUNTY

(Rich '55-362-E).

New ruffled rose pink. For full description and prices see pp. 3, 4.

MAGNET

(Fischer '52-562-EM).

Rather deep lavender rose, tall, plain-petaled, rather good color, but unpredictable floret placement.

M - 20¢, S 2-20¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

MALLOW

(Palmer '51-462-LM).

Very clear fairly light rose with stretchy flowerheads. By

far the tallest rose colored glad in my entire planting. Excellent propagator.

M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

ROSE CHARM (Fischer '48-360-EM).

Medium rose with creamy white throat.

A good early cut flower, not too large but a good color. Foliage somewhat susceptible to insect damage, especially by leaf hoppers.

L 2-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

ROSITA (Woods '52-563-M).

For magnificent floescence few glads rival Rosita. Fairly light rose, deeper in the throat. It often opens 8 or 10 ruffled six-inch florets on a well balanced 21-bud flowerhead. Not always perfectly straight.

M-35¢, Blts. 10-25¢.

SENECA (Palmer '50-362-L).

Rather intense lavender rose, opening 7 or 8 florets, well attached and well placed. Can make superb exhibition spikes, but I get quite a few crooked ones.

M 2-30¢, S 2-20¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

DEEP ROSE

GOLD THROAT (Everett '51-465-EM).

A Burma seedling that somewhat resembles its parent, but is redder, not quite so large, and has golden yellow veining in the throat.

L-25¢, M 2-30¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

JULIET (Rupert '53-365-E).

Illustrated on page 14.

Clear rose red with creamy white throat blotches. Opens 7 or 8 plain-petaled florets on flowerheads of 19 to 21 buds. Formal double row placement. Average overall height is 47 to 50 inches.

Juliet is a striking and unusual glad, fine for baskets either when used alone or in combination with white. Its color is especially lovely under artificial light.

In six upstate New York shows in 1954 Juliet was a blue ribbon winner 9 times, and only 4 other recent introductions succeeded in beating that record - King David, Columbia, Leif Ericsson, and Catherine Beath.

If you are not already growing Juliet, you cannot afford to miss it at the new reduced prices.

L- \$1.00, M- 75¢, S- 50¢, Blts. 100 for \$1.00 }
100 for \$8.00 }

NILA (Pruitt '47- 464- EM).

Very deep black rose with plain petaled florets. Tall, rugged, very dependable.

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢,

Blts. 50 for 25¢.

LAVENDER

BENJAMIN BRITTEN (K. & M. '49- 368- E).

Lightly ruffled deep lavender, a color some people find very pleasing, and others do not care for. About the only glad to be found in Class 368. A Better Times seedling that may have possibilities in producing ruffled "blues".

L 2- 25¢, M 3- 25¢,

Blts. 50 for 25¢.

COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH (Kunderd '28- 367- E).

A real old-timer but with a modern look. Rosy lavender, with light yellow throat, peppered deeper lavender. Tall, straight uniform spikes, opening about 6 well-placed florets on a 19 to 21 bud flower-head. Petals lightly waved, and recurved.

L - 20¢, M 2- 25¢, S 3- 25¢, Blts. 30 for 25¢.

ELIZABETH THE QUEEN (White '41- 566- M).

Standard ruffled lavender, still a leader in its class.

L 2- 25¢,

Blts. 50 for 25¢.

FALCON (Woods '49- 567- M).

My favorite among the giant lavenders, although it needs plenty of water to be at its magnificent best. Long ruffled petals of excellent texture, reminding one of an orchid. Clear lavender with deeper peppering on a creamy yellow throat. Under favorable conditions will produce 32" flowerheads with 22-24 buds, 7 to 9 open, florets $5\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 in.

L - 20¢, M 2- 25¢, S 3- 25¢, Blts. 30 for 25¢.

GAIL (Farrington '49- 466- EM).

Plain petaled lavender with deeper markings in the throat. Uniformly straight spikes with excellent formal placement.

L - 15¢, M 2- 20¢, S 3- 15¢, Blts. 10 for 15¢.

PARADE (Klein '51- 468- EM).

Very reliable deep lavender purple, rich color, heavily ruffled. Can be easily cut with long stems, and is unsurpassed as an early deep-colored cut flower. Easy propagator.

L - 25¢, M 2- 30¢, S 3- 25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

TYRONE (Deam '52- 466- EM).

Attractive lavender with spotless cream throat. Double row floret placement, sometimes very good, sometimes with too much spread. Has won several grand championships.

L - 50¢, M - 35¢, S - 20¢, Blts. 10 for 25¢.

WEDGWOOD (Fischer '47- 366- EM).

Practically perfect in color and ruffling,

this exquisite little glad is a general favorite. Immaculate light lavender with pale yellow throat. My strain is especially tall and straight.
L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

PURPLE

DINOS (K. & M. '49-570-E).

Plain petaled purple with hairline edge of violet. For exhibition it can't compare with *King David* and *The Rajah*, but is good for early cut flower sales.

L - 20¢, M 2-30¢, S 2-20¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

GRAPEWINE (Rich '53-470-EM).

Intensely ruffled wine purple with narrow white throat lines. Opens 6 or 7 heavy textured florets on nice stretchy spikes.

L - 75¢, M - 50¢, S - 25¢, Blts. 10 for 75¢.

KING DAVID (Carlson '51-570-M).

Deep velvety purple with hairline edge of silvery lavender. Long ruffled petals of distinctive form. *King David's* incredibly rapid rise from a new introduction 4 years ago to one of the most popular and widely grown glads 3 years later, has rarely been equaled in gladiolus history.

L - 20¢, M 2-30¢, S 2-20¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

ORIENT EXPRESS (K. & M. '49-470-LM).

Tall straight purple without markings.

Opens 6 five-inch florets, not much ruffled and with no color peeling.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, S 3-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

STAINED GLASS (Burns '49-470-M).

Clear deep purple, opening 8 or more florets on long, but not always straight, stems. Large bulbs produce about the most rugged growth of any glad I know.

L - 20¢, M 2-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

THE RAJAH (Jack '51-570-LM).

King David's rival for the best 570, but a totally different style of glad. Lighter in color, with huge round ruffled florets, it produces a more massive effect than *King David*. Almost faultless except for a variable tendency to irregular facing.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

VIOLET (BLUE)

ABU HASSAN (Holland '47-378-EM).

Deep velvety violet, the unopened florets almost coal black. A color unique among glads, and exceedingly beautiful. Not particularly rugged in growth, and doesn't often open more than 5.

L 2-25¢, M 3-25¢, S 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

BETTER TIMES (K. & M. '46-377-EM).

Light violet blue with deeper blotch on a paler background, probably the bluest glad in my listing. Growth habits similar to

Abw Hassan. I can never keep up with the demand for this, and the supply is, as usual, quite limited.

M 2-25¢, *S* 3-25¢, No bulblets.

GREAT LAKES (*Kuhn* '46-476-M).

Uniform light violet blue, slightly paler in the throat. Flowerheads are shorter than those of *Ravel*, but color is cleaner, propagation better, and crooking less frequent.

L 2-25¢, *M* 3-25¢, *S* 5-25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

KEEFER (*Lines* '49-578-E).

Deep violet, somewhat uneven in color, and somewhat soft in substance. Very spectacular, often opening 7 or 8 six-inch florets. Quite tall, with uniformly straight stems.

L - 25¢, *S* 3-25¢, Blts. 20 for 25¢.

RAVEL (*K. & M.* '47-477-EM).

Medium violet with reddish purple throat. Good height and floret placement help to make this the leading exhibition glad of its class.

L - 2-25¢, *M* 3-25¢, No small or bulblets.

SURFSONG (*de Bruyn* '53-477-E).

Fresh, smooth, light violet blue with an attractively marked throat. Has excellent spacing and facing and a suggestion of ruffling, but only fair floret attachment. Not overly tall, yet by no means stubby.

My choice for the most beautiful light blue.

L - 50¢, *M* - 35¢, *S* - 20¢, Blts. 10 for 30¢.

SMOKY

DESERT DUSK (*Rich* '50-586-varies from *M* to *L*).

Slate gray with orange red throat. Florets measure 6" or more, are nicely waved, on tall well-formed spikes.

L - 30¢, *M* - 20¢, *S* 2-25¢, Blts. 10 for 20¢.

MESA MIST (*Hartman* '52-486-M).

An unusual and exquisite smooth gray with a slight lavender cast and no trace of mottling or feathering. Opens 7 or 8 round wide open florets on a heavy flower head which may blow over in a strong wind.

M - 35¢, *S* - 20¢, Blts. 10 for 25¢.

ROI ALBERT (*Lemoine* '17-380-M).

A very old fancy-colored smoky. Opens 5 or 6 wavy 4-inch florets on a 24-inch flowerhead. Limited stock this year.

M 2-25¢, *S* 3-25¢, Blts. 30 for 25¢.

SURPRISE (*Moore* '46-486-LM).

Lavender smoky with large sharply defined yellow throat blotches. Easily grows 60" tall, with 32" flowerheads and 7 or 8 florets open. Like most very tall varieties it will sometimes crook. Unique color and very spectacular.

L - 30¢. No *M*, *S*, or Blts.

THE PHEASANT (*Lines* '52-380-L).

Aptly named, a beautiful blending of bronze

and smoky shades. Six formally placed florets open on medium height spikes.

M - 50¢, S - 35¢, Blts. 15 for \$1.⁰⁰.

UHU (K. & M. '46 - 482 - EM).

Orange smoky with a yellow throat, somewhat resembling the older Sahara. Very dependable producer of straight, formal, and showy spikes.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

VOODOO (Kadel '44 - 486 - M).

A ruffled beauty in bronze and plum color. I sold too low on it last year, and have only a limited number available this year.

M 2 - 25¢, S 3 - 25¢, Blts. 40 for 25¢.

WAHOO (Wilson '49 - 582 - M).

Giant orange bronze smoky with red throat. Tall, vigorous, and showy, it is a consistent show winner in spite of questionable floret attachment and some crooking.

L - 25¢, S 3 - 25¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

ANY OTHER COLOR

BOLERO (Leffingwell '41 - 490 - LM).

Ruffled and fluted orange with some suffusion of purple and gray, and large red brown throat blotches. Opens only 4 or 5.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CARIOCA (McGuire '51 - 390 - M).

Smoky orange salmon, tall, slender, and always straight. Opens 6, and has been a frequent blue ribbon winner for me.

L - 30¢, M - 20¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

SMYRNA (K. & M. '49 - 390 - EM).

Bright buff yellow with entire floret except the throat penciled and stippled with rosy purple. Foliage may show some premature yellowing, especially in dry weather.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

SOUTH SEAS (Wilson '47 - 490 - M).

Very dark slate gray with bright red in the throat. Opens 6 or more plain petaled florets on tall plants with long flowerheads.

L 2 - 30¢, M 2 - 20¢, S 5 - 30¢, Blts. 40 for 25¢.

SUN TAN (Coombs '42 - 590 - LM).

Probably, like Carioca, should be classified as an orange or salmon smoky. Tall, stately formal spikes, with firmly attached florets. Fine exhibition type.

L - 20¢, M 2 - 25¢, S 3 - 25¢. No bulblets.

THE ROAN (Pruitt '49 - 590 - M).

Salmon red with fine yellow veining on all petals. Very large ruffled florets, with long stems, but for me usually only about 16 buds.

L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

VAGABOND PRINCE (Palmer '34 - 391 - M).

An old favorite; deep smoky purplish brown with vivid red throat blotches. Medium height, with plain petaled florets.

M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

VANISLE (White '52 - 590 - LM).

Deep velvety rosy brown with white throat markings. Large ruffled florets of unusual beauty. Averages only 15 or 16 buds, and occasionally crooks, but in spite of its faults it is still one of the loveliest glads I know.
M - 75¢, S - 50¢, Blts. 10 for \$1.00

Small Flowered Gladiolus

ARIA (Kuhn '48 - 244 - M).

Plain petaled deep pink with up to 8 plain petaled florets open on spikes approaching perfection in form. Has repeatedly been miniature champion. Slow propagator.
M - 20¢, S 2 - 25¢, No bulblets.

ATOM (Hedgecock '46 - 236 - VE).

Scarlet with conspicuous white edge on all petals. Well known, and a general favorite.
L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

CLAUCARCY (Maynard '52 - 241 - L).

Clear light pink with white throat. Three-inch plainpetaled florets, 7 to 10 open, flowerheads up to 30", with total height 60".
L - 25¢, M 2 - 25¢, S 3 - 25¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

CRINKLETTE (Butt '41 - 224 - VE).

Ruffled deep orange, superior in all respects except height. Produces excellent seedlings.
M 3 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

DOUBLE VICTORY (Kunderd '42 - 207 - EM).

Fully double florets that remind one of a carnation in form. Cream with rose markings. Opens 4 or 5 on nice straight spikes of 15 buds or so. I have exhibited this twice in open competition, and received a blue ribbon each time. Stock very limited, and no 10 rate.
M or S - \$1.00, Blts. 10¢ each.

FAIRY (Kuhn '46 - 266 - EM).

In effect a uniform light lavender, but actually white with a fine network of lavender lines. The leading lavender among the 200 sizes.
M 3 for 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

FIFTH AVENUE (Hedgecock '51 - 252 - M).

Deep red, opening 6 or more wavy petaled florets on a 18 bud spike. Very beautiful, but often oversize. M - 15¢, S 2 - 20¢, Blts. 15 for 25¢.

FILIGREE (Kuhn '45 - 216 - EM).

Ruffled and lacinated light buff, with long narrow petals. Odd, but not in my opinion really beautiful. M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 25 for 25¢.

FLICKER (Kuhn '46 - 221 - EM).

Vivid light orange with deeper throat blotches. Clear glowing color, and very good habits.
M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

LITTLE SWEETHEART (Fischer '48 - 240 - EM).

Heavily ruffled pure pink with white throat. One of the most beautiful small glads, very dependable, a fast propagator, and a free seed-producer. May grow to 300-size.
L 2 - 25¢, M 3 - 25¢, S 5 - 25¢, Blts. 50 for 25¢.

LOVELY MARY (Troyer '50-232-M).

Clear spotless salmon, with tall stretchy spikes; opens about 5 plain petaled 3-inch florets on a 25 in. flowerhead. Very free bulblet producer. **L** - 20¢, **M** 2-25¢, **S** 3-25¢, **B**lts. 40 for 25¢.

MAGIC (Kunderd '15-277-E).

Lavender-violet with huge deep purple throat blotches. Opens 5 lightly ruffled florets on slender stems. Nothing else like it in color.

L - 20¢, **M** 2-25¢, **S** 3-25¢, **B**lts. 40 for 25¢.

OCEAN SPRAY (Baerman '46-206-E).

Creamy white with deep yellow throat. Very tall with stretchy flowerheads and 4-inch florets, suggesting that it should be classified in the 300's. A really beautiful glad, excellent for baskets and early cut flower sales. **L** 2-25¢, **M** 3-25¢, **B**lts. 50 for 25¢.

OLD SOUTH (Almey '44-286-EM).

Smooth lavender rose smoky. Nice tall spikes, always straight, and although small, one of the most beautiful smokies.

L 2-25¢, **M** 3-25¢, **S** 5-25¢, **B**lts. 50 for 25¢.

PELLETIER D'OISY (Lemoine, yr. unknown-290-E).

Chartreuse green with dark red stippling. An extraordinary color that always attracts attention. Opens about 4 three inch florets on flowerheads of only moderate length.

M - 50¢, **S** - 35¢ **B**lts. 10 for 50¢.

RUBY (Kuhn '46-252-E).

Deep bright red without markings. Opens 5 three inch florets on fairly tall spikes. Excellent for exhibition and arrangements.

M 3-25¢, **B**lts. 50 for 25¢.

STATUETTE (Butt '50-211-VE).

Heavily ruffled light yellow with red throat markings. Perhaps the highest scoring small glad in my list. Opens 7 to 9 three-inch florets on straight perfectly formed spikes of 20 buds. Very rapid and easy propagator.

L 2-25¢, **M**-3-25¢, **B**lts. 50 for 25¢.

TONY BOY (Kunderd '52-162 [should be 263]-M).

A sensational recent introduction, with upper petals light bright rose red, lower petals white with rose red edges. Heavily ruffled butterfly type florets. Very good propagator. Any size bulb, **L**, **M**, or **S** - 50¢, **B**lts. 10 for 50¢.

TRICOLOR (Beaton '50-279-M).

Deep violet with reddish purple blotch on white throat. Opens 6 formally placed 3 inch florets on medium height spikes. A consistent show winner.

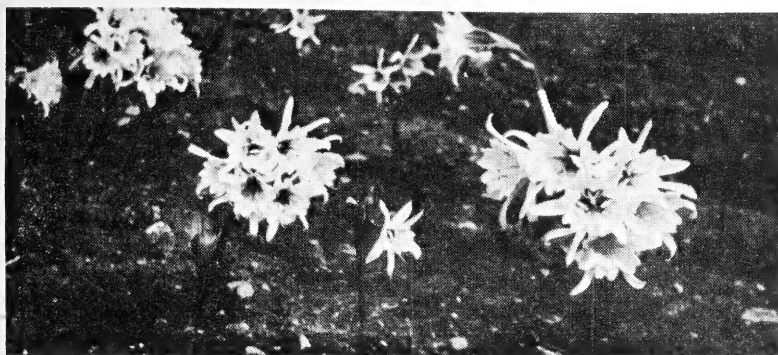
L - 20¢, **M** 2-25¢, **S** 3-25¢, **B**lts. 40 for 25¢.

WHITE TWEEDLE (Van Voorhis '41-201-E).

Plain petaled white with rose purple throat blotches. One of the best in its class, although it rarely has for me more than 14 or 15 buds.

L 2-25¢, **M** 3-25¢, **S** 5-25¢, **B**lts. 50 for 25¢.

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Next to the gladiolus, the *Ismene*, sometimes called *Peruvian Daffodil*, is my favorite among summer flowering bulbs. It bears fragrant white amaryllis-like flowers, in clusters of 2 to 7, on stems suitable for cutting. With certain precautions about storage temperature of bulbs and time of planting, the *Ismene* is of very easy culture, and very reliable. Cultural directions included with each order.

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